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DATE: November 8, 1962

SUBJECT: GCH Response to U.S. Request for Quarantine Support

REF : Depcirtel 781 ara

Transmitted herewith, in response to the Department's request, are the texts in French and English of the Haitian Foreign Office's note of October 25, 1962 regarding measures taken in response to the U.S. request for quarantine support, and the subsequent announcement of these measures made by the Department of Interior and National Defense on October 25, and published in local newspapers on October 26, 1962. Also enclosed is the text of the Embassy's acknowledging note to the Foreign Office of October 27, 1962.

For the Ambassador:

Ralph C. Porter, III
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Third Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures: att M.M.

1. French text of Foreign Ministry's note of October 25, 1962
2. English translation of above note
3. French text of communiqué of October 25, 1962
4. English translation of above communiqué
5. Embassy's note of October 27, 1962

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Enclosure No. 1 to A-182 dated November 11, 1962 from Port-au-Prince -1-

DEPARTEMENT
des
AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

REPUBLIQUE d'HAITI

SECRET:150

Port-au-Prince, le 25 Octobre 1962

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception à Votre Excellence de sa note en date du 24 Octobre courant relative à la crise provoquée par l'installation à Cuba de bases militaires à caractère offensif et au désir du Gouvernement de Votre Excellence que celui de la République d'Haiti annonce publiquement sa participation aux opérations de quarantaine mentionnées dans la proclamation du Président KENNEDY, dont le texte a été envoyé à la Chancellerie haitienne sous le couvert de la note No. 61 du 23 Octobre 1962 de l'Ambassade Américaine.

En réponse, il est agréable à la Chancellerie de porter, par l'intermédiaire de Votre Excellence, à la connaissance du gouvernement américain que celui de la République d'Haiti a déjà ordonné aux unités de Garde-Côtes d'Haiti et à l'aviation militaire d'intensifier, en fonction de la crise actuelle, des patrouilles de surveillance des côtes de la République d'Haiti utilisés par les forces navales et aériennes américaines chargées de l'opération de quarantaine conformément à des modalités techniques à fixer par les Forces Armées d'Haiti.

Votre Excellence est priée de noter de plus que cette décision du Gouvernement Haitien fera l'objet d'un communiqué de sa Chancellerie..

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, les assurances de ma haute considération.

/s/ R. Chalmers

Son Excellence
Monsieur Raymond L. THURSTON
Ambassadeur des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

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Enclosure No. 2 to A-132 dated November 11, 1962 from Port-au-Prince -1-

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

REPUBLIC OF HAITI

SECRET:150

Port-au-Prince, October 25, 1962

Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of October 24 last relative to the crisis provoked by the installation in Cuba of military bases of offensive character and to the desire of Your Excellency's Government that the Government of the Republic of Haiti publicly announce its participation in the quarantine operations described in the proclamation of President Kennedy, the text of which has been forwarded to the Haitian Chancery under cover of the American Embassy's note No. 61 of October 23, 1962.

In response, it is the Chancery's pleasure to inform, by the medium of Your Excellency, the American Government that the Government of the Republic of Haiti has already directed units of the Haitian Coast Guard and military aviation to intensify, because of the present crisis, surveillance patrols of the coasts of the Republic of Haiti, and in addition the ports and airfields of the Republic can be used by the American naval and air forces in charge of the quarantine operation consonant with specific methods of operation to be fixed by the Haitian Armed Forces.

In addition, Your Excellency, please note that this decision of the Haitian Government will be the subject of a communiqué from its Chancery.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my high consideration.

/s/ R. Chalmers

His Excellency

Mr. Raymond L. Thurston

Ambassador of the United States of America

Port-au-Prince

Enclosure No. 3 to A-182 dated November 11, 1962 from Port-au-Prince -1-

COMMUNIQUE DU DEPARTEMENT DE L'INTERIEUR ET DE LA DEFENSE NATIONALE
L'ARMEE D'HAITI ET LES VOLONTAIRES EN ETAT D'ALERTE

Le Departement de l'Interieur et de la Defense Nationale informe qu'à la suite de la décision prise par le Gouvernement de la République d'Haiti de mettre à la disposition des unités navales et aériennes Américaines chargées de l'opération de quarantaine en face des côtes de Cuba, les facilités des ports et aéroports de la République, les mesures suivantes ont été décidées:

1. - Les Unités des Gardes Côtes et de l'Aviation militaire Haitienne ont reçu ordre d'intensifier les patrouilles de surveillance du territoire et des côtes de la République;
2. - Les Forces d'infanteries de l'Armée d'Haiti conjointement avec les Volontaires de la sécurité nationale (V.S.N.) sont mis en état d'alerte.

L'Etat Major des Forces Armées fixera les modalités techniques pour la stricte exécution de ces ordres.

Port-au-Prince, le 25 Octobre 1962.

Luc F. FRANCOIS Secrétaire d'Etat de
l'Interieur et de la Défense Nationale

(Published in Le Matin, October 26, 1962)

COMMUNIQUE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND NATIONAL DEFENSE
THE HAITIAN ARMY AND THE VOLUNTEERS ON ALERT STATUS

The Department of the Interior and National Defense makes known that following the decision taken by the Government of the Republic of Haiti to place the port and airfield facilities of the Republic at the disposal of the American naval and air units in charge of the quarantine operation off the coasts of Cuba, the following steps have been decided:

1. - The units of the Coast Guard and of the Haitian Military Aviation have received the order to intensify the surveillance patrols of the territory and coasts of the Republic;

2. - The infantry forces of the Haitian Army together with the National Security Volunteers (Volontaires de la Sécurité Nationale - VSN) are placed on alert status.

The Armed Forces General Staff will determine the specific methods for the strict execution of these orders.

Port-au-Prince, October 25, 1962.

Luc F. FRANCOIS, Secretary of State for
Interior and National Defense.

(The above communiqué was published in the daily Le Matin on October 26, 1962)

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Enclosure No. 5 to A-182 dated November 11, 1962 from Port-au-Prince -1-

American Embassy
Port-au-Prince, Haiti
October 27, 1962

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Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge with appreciation your Excellency's note of October 25, 1962, informing me of your Government's important decisions in the current crisis, to intensify patrol activity and to make available Haitian port and airport facilities to American sea and air units engaged in quarantine operations. I have been pleased to convey word of these decisions, as well as the fact of their publication to my Government.

The offer of military cooperation contained in these decisions has been transmitted to the appropriate United States military authorities for evaluation of the manner in which it can best be utilized to further our common objectives. It is my understanding that matters of timing and other details relating to this most effective utilization will be made known through military channels in due course. Meanwhile, permit me to recall my suggestion during our conversation in your office on October 26, that it will be most essential for the Chief of the United States Naval Mission here, Colonel Robert Heintz, who is my senior military adviser, to maintain closest relations with the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of Haiti, Brigadier General Constant, during this critical period.

It has been most helpful for our common purposes that the Haitian Government has not only employed the usual diplomatic channels for notifying my Government of these decisions and for notifying the Chairman of the Provisional Organ of Consultation of the Council of the Organization of American States of its actions, in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the Resolution of October 23, 1962, but that it has also issued a public statement on the subject.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

/s/ Raymond L. Thurston

His Excellency
René Chalmers
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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